

Deniz Bolbol

I am running for a seat on the Belmont City Council because the current Council members have not been responsive to Belmont citizens.

Despite tremendous public opposition, they voted to change zoning codes to allow McMansions and to destroy codes that protected trees. This Council pushed their own agenda – only forced to retreat *after* residents collected the signatures needed to put the issues on the ballot.

Time and again the current Council has refused to address issues brought by residents, yet they welcome and respond to developers and special interests.

As our streets become unbearably congested the current Council is pushing for more housing which will only increase congestion and reduce our quality of life. While growth is good – it needs to be sensible growth. Plans being made today will impact the character and charm of our wonderful little city forever. We must stop this Council's push for BIG development, pursue RESPONSIBLE development and prioritize residents' interests.

I am serving my second term as president of the Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association. I ran for this office to ensure that all our meetings are open to all residents and that the board is open, transparent and responsive to the neighborhood. These same principles are why I'm running for Belmont's City Council. I have one agenda – making sure that every resident has a seat at the table and the Council is responsive to you.

My experience advocating for animal protections and free speech, which include creating partnerships with state and federal agencies, gives me a unique understanding how government should work with and for the people.

I'm asking for your vote to ensure responsive, open and transparent government.

If you have any questions or comments, please send me an email at Deniz4Belmont@gmail.com or visit Deniz4Belmont.com.